

Saint Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church

Mass Schedule

- Monday, December 14th **St. John of the Cross**
No Mass
- Tuesday, December 15th
Mass 8:15 am
† Joe Jara
- Wednesday, December 16th
Mass 8:15 am
† Connie Cosgrove
- Thursday, December 17th
Mass 8:15 am **Adoration Following Mass**
† Fr. Roman Kirin
- Friday, December 18th
Mass 8:15 am
† Ken Auz Sr.
- Saturday, December 19th
Confessions 4:15- 4:50 pm
Mass 5:15 am
† Joe Murphy
- Sunday, December 20th **4th Sunday of Advent**
Confessions 7:30 -7:50 am
Mass 8:00 am
Our Parish Family
- Confessions 9:30 -10:20 am
Mass 10:30 am
† Edward & Elsie Gaura



Third Sunday of ADVENT



Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve

Thursday, December 24th 3:00 pm No Incense
Thursday, December 24th 5:15 pm
No Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

Saturday, December 25th 8:00 am No Incense
Saturday, December 25th 10:30 am

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Thursday, December 31st 5:15 Vigil Mass
Friday, January 1st 8:00am & 10:30 am

THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

*O Lord, we beg Thee incline Thy ear to our prayers and
enlighten the darkness of our minds by the grace of Thy
visitation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*



Readings for the week of December 13, 2020

- Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 51-54 [Is 61:10b]/1
Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28
- Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [4]/
Mt 21:23-27
- Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23 [7a]/
Mt 21:28-32
- Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [1
Is 45:8]/Lk 7:18b-23
- Thursday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17
- Friday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25
- Saturday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/
Lk 1:5-25
- Next Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [2a]/
Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

From your pastor . . .

I wish to encourage all of our parishioners to consider being involved in the “Christ Our Cornerstone” campaign that had its initial kick-off in our Diocese this weekend. This Campaign, as I explain this weekend, is to assist the Saint Joseph the Workman Cathedral Parish in La Crosse with the substantial repairs that are needed for the Church building, particularly the steeple. All Catholics throughout the Diocese are being asked to contribute in this campaign, recognizing that the Cathedral Parish is the ‘Mother Church’ of the Diocese.

Brochures that set forth the needs of the repairs, as well as how to contribute to the campaign have been placed in all the pews. Part of the brochure includes a pledge card that you can tear off to send in with your contribution. In addition, this brochure can be found on the Diocesan Website, which can be accessed through our parish website. Also on both websites is a video that gives a brief history of the Cathedral as well as the present needs to be addressed. This is a onetime request. If you are able to contribute, please do. Thank you.

As I mentioned at the end of my last column, Bishop Callahan has written to his priests who are pastors to reinforce the policies that are to be guiding all parishes in the Diocese concerning the COVID 19 pandemic. I will reproduce the letter in its entirety. I do so with the hope that this may address any questions or concern as to what and why we are doing what we are doing at our Parish.

“Dear Brothers in Christ,

May the Lord give you peace.

I remain very grateful to Fr. Pace for the timely reminder concerning the reinforcement of our COVID 19 policies. Recently, however, my office has received a number of calls from clergy, as well as the faithful of the Diocese, regarding changes, questions, and comments about our policies. This confusion has prompted me to reinforce the original information you received.

As you are well aware the pandemic is reaching levels of critical concern in our Diocese. Hospitals are reaching capacity, our medical teams are struggling to meet the demands and almost daily I am receiving word from members of the faithful, clergy, and staff who are testing positive, and suffering in various degrees from the virus. In the Spring I published guidelines that I asked each of you to follow and I believe these policies have truly assisted in keeping people safe during this time. As we see the number in cases increase and we are soon approaching the Christmas season I am asking each of you to continue to implement the guidelines with a renewed diligence. By doing our part in following the guidelines, as previously outlined, we demonstrate the value of everyone working together in charity with a commitment to care for one another. I ask that you please pay particular attention to the following in the coming weeks as we must remain even more vigilant in observing the protocols to allow our faithful to come to Mass without fear of contracting the virus.

Allowing only 25% capacity of our churches while maintaining social distancing of a minimum of 6 feet between people not living in the same household.

Face covering must be worn by all individuals, 5 years and older, present within our Churches and office spaces or attending any function associated with the ministry of the Diocese of La Crosse.

Holy Water fonts and baptismal fonts must remain empty.

All missals, hymnals, prayer cards or other paper resources must be removed from the pews.

A cantor and accompanist are allowed, but choirs should not be used.

I recognize that we each have a different perspective of the pandemic situation but I am confident that we all agree that we have a responsibility of respecting human life. It is with a heavy heart that I hear of situations within our churches where Pastors are not taking the situation seriously. No matter your personal beliefs, I have issued guidelines that I have asked you to follow. The faithful look to you to be the role model in their faith community. Together with God’s grace we will eventually emerge from this crisis. Lead your people to trust in God. He has not – nor will He abandon us!

In the hearts of Jesus and Mary, I am

+William

Your Bishop

I believe that we are following the guidelines that the Bishop has set forth. As regard to everyone wearing masks at Mass, I will simply underscore what the Bishop has directed. I am not going to be involved in matters of enforcement if someone is not wearing a mask. If you are in close proximity with people who are not from your household, it would be an act of charity to wear a mask.

Until I write again may God bless you and all the parishioners of Saint Mary’s Parish.

Monsignor Roger J. Scheckel



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3. "I belong to a Parish
4. Find St Mary's by zip
5. Enter your email, done!



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OF NAZARETH

"St Marys' Lending Library"

Located in the south-west vestibule of St. Mary's is a lending library. There are books, DVDs, and CDs about a wide range of topics from Scott Hahn, Matthew Kelly, Pope Benedict, Pope Francis, Pope John Paul II, on prayer, on saints, on teaching of the Church. Simply sign out the article and return it when you are through. Borrow and share with family and friends.

Check it out !!!

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Saturdays, December 12th and 19th
from 7:00–7:45 pm

Please gather at the Courthouse lawn for a time of singing Christmas Carols, reading the Christmas story in Christian unity.

Song books will be provided

We are hoping to bring people together at Christmas time in these very difficult times.



Christmas Angel Gifts

St. Mary of the Assumption Church and School will be collecting donations for our local nursing homes.

Containers will be set up in the church entrance and at school.

Donations should not be wrapped and need to be NEW.

Please put in the box before December 17th.

A list of Christmas ideas will be forthcoming and made available in the main entrance of church and school.

This is the year to spread joy and happiness to all those in need. May God's blessings be yours this Christmas Season and always.

2020/2021 Diocesan Annual Appeal

Thank you to all who have responded
Target \$33,855.00 Currently at \$42,006.00

December 5/6, 2020 Stewardship

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| Adult Tithe..... | \$4,890.00 |
| Offertory..... | 256.15 |
| Pastoral Care..... | 40.00 |
| Religious Retire | 100.00 |
| Building & Maintenance..... | 5.00 |
| Holy Days..... | 75.00 |
| Christmas | 80.00 |
| Christmas Flowers..... | 351.00 |
| Total..... | \$5,797.15 |

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| <i>October (ACH) Automatic Contributions...</i> | \$6,220.00 |
| <i>November (ACH) Automatic Contributions...</i> | \$6,220.00 |



The Staff and Students of St. Mary School thank you for all of the support and prayers you provide for us throughout the year!

Our Christmas program will be officially aired online on

Wednesday, December 16th at 7PM.

You can view the program at 7PM on 12/16

or any time after it by typing

in the link below to your internet browser.

Link to Program: <https://youtu.be/gOBmy0ZT3AE>

We wish you a very happy and blessed Christmas season!

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Please use the envelopes in your packet

Or any (marked envelope)

To make a memorial for a loved one.

Thank you !!!

A current listing will be forthcoming.



Prayer Chain

If you, or someone you know, is in need of prayer, please send your prayer request prayer.chain@stmarysrc.com

2020/2021 Calendar Drawing Winners

December 1, 2020 ... Robert Scott, McFarland, WI

December 3, 2020 ... Ryan Little, West Bend, WI

SCRIP NEWS

Announcement for Dec 12/13 bulletin This is the last day for special order physical cards for Christmas. Just ask your Scrip seller or email scrip@stmarysrc.com. Have online gamers on your Christmas list? We can order Apple, Google Play, Playstation, Xbox, Gamestop, Best Buy. Online shoppers? Order Wayfair, Overstock, Zappos, Shutterfly, Groupon and we have Amazon, Lands' End and Old Navy/Gap in the Scrip-to-go box. See over 750 retailers at shopwithscrip.com or on the new RaiseRight app

Questions? scrip@stmarysrc.com
<https://www.shopwithscrip.com>
Enrollment code: E7331ACE7413

Scrip Sellers

December 19 5:15 P.M Jolene Frawley
December 20 8:00 A.M Colleen Schroeder
December 20 10:30 A.M. Judy Barnicle

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Wedding Planning Information

For those seeking the Sacrament of Marriage in our Church
please notify the pastor as soon as you are engaged,
but not less than six months
prior to the proposed wedding date.

BIRTH



HERE I AM, WORLD!!! A bouncing baby girl full of life and excitement, and so very happy to be here! I'm weighing in at seven and one-half pounds, and measuring 21 inches from head top to tip toes! Wow! What an amazing journey I've had getting here—so much happening in such a short time! Every little aspect of my body, inside and out, has been carefully designed with detailed precision. Complex systems are interacting and functioning. I am uniquely and wonderfully made! Only a loving God could design and create life as I'm experiencing it!

*"I chose you before I gave you life,
and before you were born I selected you."*

—JEREMIAH 1:5

Thank you, Lord, for choosing me and loving me into Life! Your love is beyond my comprehension! Every beat of my heart is yet another gift from you. Help me to always treasure the gift of life with its many blessings, those blessings I enjoy as well as those blessings in disguise that I am not yet able to understand. Only you, Lord, are able to see the entire "big picture" of my life, so I trust you and ask you to please guide the rest of my "Life Journey" so that I may live a life pleasing to you! Amen.

Love,
Baby Margaret Mary

Advent Confession Schedule:

Wednesday December 16, 6:00 to 7:00 pm
Thursday, December 17th, 5:00 to 6:00 pm
Monday, December 21, 5:00 to 6:00 pm
Tuesday, Dec 22, 6:00 to 7:00
Wednesday, December 23, 6:00 to 7:00 pm

Order of Confession

Priest: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Penitent: Amen

Penitent: Bless me Father for I have sinned. My last confession was _____ ago and these are my sins. (At this point you make a complete confession of your sins to the best of your recollection.) . . . and I am sorry for these and all the sins of my life.

(The priest will give you words of counsel and assign your penance)

Penitent: (Recites this Act of Contrition or any other one they may wish to use) O My God, I am heartily sorry for having offended you. And I detest all my sins because of thy just punishments. But most of all because they offend you my God who are all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve with the help of your grace to sin no more and to avoid the near occasion of sin. Amen.

Priest: (Recites the prayer of absolution) God the Father of mercies, through the death and resurrection of his Son has reconciled the world to himself and sent the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sins; through the ministry of the Church may God give you pardon and peace, and I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Penitent: Amen.

Priest: Give thanks to the Lord for He is good.

Penitent: And His mercy endures forever.

Priest: The Lord has freed you from your sins. Go in peace.

Penitent: Thanks be to God.

(You now leave the confessional to carry out your assigned penance.)